

SELF-STUDY: MAKING POLITE REQUESTS (Chart 9-8)

Directions: Change the following sentences into polite requests.

1. I want you to hand me that hammer.
2. I want you to give me some advice about buying a laptop.
3. I want to borrow your step-ladder.
4. I want to use your bike tomorrow.
5. I want you to look over my essay for grammar mistakes.
6. I want you to close the door for me.
7. I want to arrive late to your party.

SELF-STUDY: USING *would you mind*. (Chart 9-9)

Directions: Using the verb in parentheses, fill in the blank with either **if I** + the PAST tense or with the **-ing** form of the verb, as necessary.

1. Part A: It's cold in here. Would you mind (*turn off*) _____ the air conditioner?
Part B: Not at all. I'd be happy to.
2. Part A: It's cold in here. Would you mind (*turn off*) _____ the air conditioner?
Part B: Not at all. Go right ahead. I think it's cold in here, too.
3. Part A: Would you mind (*get*) _____ to the library for me?
Part B: Not at all.
4. Part A: This article you wrote is really good. Would you mind (*show*) _____ it to my English professor?
Part B: Go right ahead. That'd be fine.
5. Part A: I'll cook dinner. Would you mind (*wash*) _____ the dishes? That would help me a lot.
Part B: I'd be happy to.
6. Part A: I'm feeling kind of exhausted. This heavy work in the hot and humid weather is hard on me. Would you mind (*continue*) _____ this work by yourself?
Part B: No problem, Mom. Why don't you go in and rest? I'll finish it up.
7. Part A: Would you mind (*use*) _____ your name as a reference on this job application?
Part B: Not at all. In fact, you can tell them to call me.
8. Part A: Would you mind (*wait*) _____ here for just a moment? I need to run back to the classroom. I forgot my backpack.
Part B: Okilee dokilee. I'll wait here for you.
9. Part A: You have a globe, don't you? Would you mind (*borrow*) _____ it for a minute? I need to settle an argument. My friend says Comoros is in Europe, and I say it's in Asia.
Part B: You're both wrong. It's in Africa. Here's the globe. You can see it here.
10. Part A: Since this is the first time you've owned a scooter, would you mind (*give*) _____ you some advice?
Part B: That'd be great. I'd appreciate it.